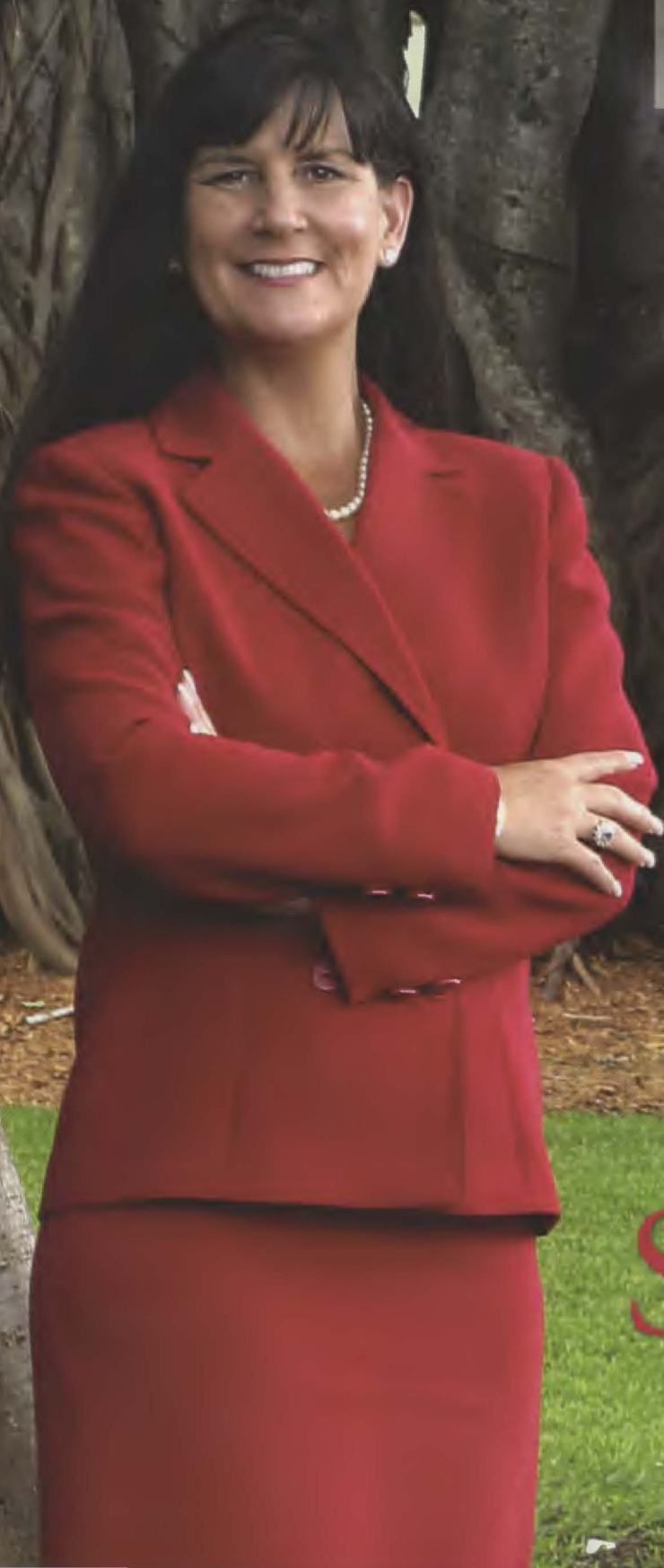


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Pathway to Success

Meet Boca Raton City Council
member Susan Haynie and
other alumni achievers

from the director

The cover story in this issue of *Lynn University Alumni Magazine* could have been a book. With so many of our alumni finding success, it wasn't easy to narrow the field to fit the space of our story. I think you will enjoy reading about the four accomplished individuals you'll be proud to call fellow Lynn alumni. For those of you



who also have exciting endeavors under way, I hope you'll send word of your accomplishments to our class notes section at alumni@lynn.edu.

As you also will read in this issue, it's the time of year when we celebrate that gateway to success: commence-

ment. With another record number of graduates, May 8 was a wonderful day at Lynn University. It's always thrilling to see the pride of students and parents, and to share that special moment when the realization hits, no more exams! It's also a time of nostalgia, friendship and welcome—when we invite each member of the Class of 2004 to

become an active participant in the Lynn University Alumni Association.

For many of us at Lynn, the months leading up to graduation were a time of travel. Several of us from the university were fortunate to visit New York; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta; Philadelphia and Boston. It has been such fun to spend time with alumni and Lynn parents around the country. If you'd like to start a Lynn University alumni chapter in your area or participate in our Parents & Families Association, please drop me a note at gflowles@lynn.edu.

Finally, I want to thank you for reading our alumni magazine. And for the hundreds of you who responded to our online survey about alumni needs and interests, I especially share my thanks. It is rewarding to find out that more and more of our alumni are staying connected with their alma mater. We plan to make many of the changes you suggested for Alumni & Families Weekend, which will take place October 15-17, 2004. We look forward to seeing you then.

Gareth Fowles

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ALL ABOARD FOR A GRAND TIME

The Lynn University Alumni Association hosted 40 guests at a reception on December 5, 2003, in New York City's Grand Central Station. President and Mrs. Donald E. Ross and members of the Board of Trustees joined alumni for the event, which was held at the restaurant Cipriani Dolci in the famed terminal.

"We invited alumni from Connecticut, New Jersey and throughout New York," says Gareth Fowles, director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "It was a wonderful evening."

Everyone enjoyed the gathering, which was held on the restaurant's balcony overlooking the bustling station. The location proved to be particularly advantageous, when two Lynn alumni who happened to be passing through the terminal spotted the Lynn University banner and made their way to the festivities.

On the previous evening, Lynn University hosted a reception for parents at Grand Central Station. More than 50 guests came to mingle and learn more about exciting developments at their sons' and daughters' university.

ALUMNI GATHER FOR LARGEST-EVER HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Lynn University alumni gathered in record numbers for a holiday reception on December 11, 2003, in the Valencia Room at the Boca Resort and Club.

Held for the last two years in the Henke Room of the university's Count and Countess de Hoernle International Center, the event was moved off campus to



Jason Bacharach, '98 (left), and Jonathan Salgado, '97, joined fellow alumni at the reception in New York City.



Lynn alumni exhibited their holiday spirit last December by attending the annual Holiday Party in record numbers and by helping donate children's books to Barton Elementary School.

accommodate more guests. The warm Lynn family atmosphere traveled with the event, as 160 alumni celebrated the holidays with Lynn faculty and staff. Guests had opportunities to win prizes of Lynn University apparel and donate children's books to the Barton Elementary School.

"It was great to see so many new faces at our holiday party," says Gareth Fowles, director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "We were thrilled to host more alumni at this event and hope to welcome even more alumni next December."

WHAT'S COOKING IN BOSTON?

Lynn University alumni and parents enjoyed a special treat on April 15 when they attended a cocktail reception in Boston's historic North End. They enjoyed the extraordinary cuisine of alumnus Jose Duarte, BS '95, MBA '98, at his award-winning restaurant, Taranta.

Duarte blends Southern Italian and Peruvian cuisines to create culinary masterpieces. The superb food, combined with Taranta's beautiful décor, made for a perfect evening for alumni and parents to get together and hear the newest developments at Lynn University, including an update from Larry Cowan, associate vice president for Development.

(To read more about Duarte and Taranta, see our feature story beginning on page 24.)



Larry Cowan, associate vice president for Development at Lynn (left), and Boston area alumni enjoyed the ambiance and fine cuisine at Taranta.

TENNIS ALUMNI SWING INTO ACTION

Lynn alumni from near and far rallied back to campus on January 10 for the traditional alumni vs. students tennis tournament. Eight alumni from the local area participated, joined by two alumni from out-of-state: Norman Hansen, MPS '95, of Atlanta, Ga., and Adam Haber, BSBA '96, of Demarest, N.J.

Adam Haber (left), '96, and Norman Hansen, '95, rallied from out-of-state to attend the tournament.

Taking on the current student tennis team, the alumni emerged victorious and afterward, celebrated and reminisced over lunch.

Will the alumni winning streak continue next year? Take part in next January's match by contacting Gareth Fowles, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at gfwowles@lynn.edu.

SEEING GOOD FRIENDS IN PHILLY

The Lynn University Alumni Association hosted 16 alumni and parents at a reception on March 27 at Cuba Libre Restaurant in Philadelphia. The informal gathering gave

Lynn parents and graduates the opportunity to meet one another and to chat about their favorite university.

Joining in the fun were new regional representatives to the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, Paula

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kevin Ross (right) and Philadelphia alumni

Pisani Howard, BA '01, and Ryan Howard, BA '01, who met on the first day of their first class as

freshmen at Lynn University (see Fall/Winter 2003 *Lynn University Alumni Magazine*, page 20).

The regional chapter was a result of the efforts of George Pellegrino, BSBA '78, who read an article in the previous issue of the alumni magazine requesting alumni to help establish chapters in their area. Ryan Howard agreed to assist Pellegrino, and now the Philadelphia region has its own LU alumni chapter.



Samir Shah (left) and his wife, Himani (second from right), new regional representatives for the Parents & Families Association, joined the fun in Atlanta.

LYNN SHARES ITS SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

It's the city of Braves baseball and one very busy airport. And more and more, Atlanta is becoming home to greater numbers of Lynn University alumni and parents.

On February 25, they all had a chance to get together at a reception at Café Tu Tu Tango in Atlanta's popular Buckhead section. Over cocktails and tapas, parents and alumni caught up on the latest news at Lynn University and enjoyed making and renewing acquaintances.

ALUMNI, PLAY BALL!

It was time to play ball, as alumni from 1986 through 2003 came back on campus March 13 to compete in the annual Lynn alumni baseball game.

Twenty-three alumni competed, including Jake Bade, BSHM '96, who traveled all the way from the Lone Star State to reunite on the Lynn diamond. After seven innings of good-spirited play, the players called it a day, with the score at 3-3. Then, it was on to Duffy's Sports Grill to enjoy plenty of good food and memories.

On the night prior to the game, Rick Schanzle, BSBA '89, welcomed his fellow alumni players to a reception at his home. Lou Velotta, assistant baseball coach at Lynn from 1988 to 1990, attended both the reception and game.

The alumni baseball tradition continues next spring, so plan now to be part of the game. For more information, please contact Gareth Fowles, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at gfwowles@lynn.edu.



Jeff Spicer, '03, prepares to hit a home run, while Billy Sabinson, '98, serves as catcher.

LYNN VISITS ALUMNI AND PARENTS IN VIRGINIA

Parents and alumni have more and more to be proud of at Lynn University, as they learned at a reception held in their honor on the evening of March 24 at Portner's Restaurant in Alexandria, Va.

Sharing new developments taking place in their programs and colleges with the 20 guests were Marsha Glines, executive director of the Institute for Achievement and Learning; Ralph Norcio, dean of the College of Business and Management; and Irving R. Levine, dean of the College of International Communication. Kevin M. Ross, vice president for Institutional Advancement, updated attendees on exciting plans for furthering excellence at Lynn University.

In other alumni news from this part of the country, Matthew Jaeger, BSBA '99, and Betsy Rodriguez Jaeger, BA '02, have agreed to serve as Washington, D.C., regional representatives on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.



GOLF CLASSIC BRINGS IN THE GREEN FOR LYNN ATHLETICS

The Graduation Golf Classic, presented annually by the Blue & White Club to support Lynn University's athletic programs, this year was a huge success, with 98 golfers participating and more than

\$10,000 raised.

Held May 6 at the Boca Country Club, the tournament was sponsored by Doubletree Guest Suites and co-chaired by Tim McDulin of Pepsi Bottling Company and Julie Chadwick of The Holiday Inn-Town Center.

The team of Frank Robino III, Dominick DiBetta, Tom Battablia and Robert DeVerna took home first place,

Ready to hit the links are (from left) Alex Warner, '04, and mother Patsy, Chad Snyder, '04, and Chip Snyder.

while Head Men's Basketball Coach Scott McMillian made the longest drive and Efren Cavazos received the honors for closest to the pin.

"The weather, the course and, most of all, the people, made for a spectacular day—one of the most successful events the Blue & White Club has sponsored," says Jay Brandt, director of Athletic Development.



Having a great day of golf were (from left) John Gardner, Jr., and dad John Gardner, Sr., Skip Farriss and Greg Morgan.



SUNSHINE AND FRIENDS IN ORLANDO

The Sunshine State Conference men's and women's basketball tournament, held in March at Rollins College, provided a great opportunity to bring together Lynn University alumni and parents in the Orlando area. Lynn athletic director John McCarthy joined guests at a reception on March 4 at the Lake Mary Marriott.

(For details on the 2003-2004 men's and women's basketball season, see pages 35-36.)

Pictured above (standing, from left) are Marty DeAngelo, '88; Kerry Morrissey; Ashlie Thomas, '03; Billy Downes, '88; Kristen Moraz, '97, '00; (kneeling, from left) Scot Hartwell, '93, '99; Gareth Fowles, '99, '01; and John McCarthy, '02.

SAA EARNS AWARDS

In its three-year existence, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) has already made its mark as an outstanding organization at Lynn University, garnering two awards at the annual Student Leadership Banquet on April 22.

The SAA was selected as Organization of the Year in recognition of its outstanding leadership, role in improving campus spirit, track record as a sound and reputable organization and innovative programs. In particular, the SAA's two highly successful events, the Fantasy Auction



Members of the award-winning Student Alumni Association

fundraiser and the faculty and staff vs. students Softball Slam, drew praise. The Fantasy Auction, which featured 18 student bachelors and bachelorettes who were "auctioned" as dates to the highest bidders, earned the SAA Campus-Wide Program of the Year honors. The lively event raised more than \$3,000 and greater awareness of the SAA across campus.

Joining the SAA in receiving student leadership honors this year were the following: Resident Assistant staff, Homecoming Trophy; Knights in the Community—Canned Food Drive for Thanksgiving, Outstanding Service Project of the Year; Black Student Union, Most Improved Organization of the Year; Dante Roberts, Resident Assistant of the Year; Adam Price, The Knight Award for Outstanding New Student; Teisha



The SAA's Bridget Fowles (left) accepts the Campus-Wide Program of the Year award from Kabelo Bosilong.

Huggins, The Hundreiser Fellow Leadership Award; Alicia Castilho, Female Student Leader of the Year Award; and Jason Touw, Male Student Leader of the Year Award.

FIRST FACULTY VS. STUDENT SOFTBALL GAME IS A HIT

The students played with gusto, but the faculty and staff prevailed in the Student Alumni Association's first-ever faculty vs. students Softball Slam on March 21. More than 150 spectators attended the game, played on Lynn's field, and everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue after the game.

The action was interspersed with much good humor, as 25 faculty and staff members competed with 40 students, divided into four groups of 10. Each group played two innings against the faculty and staff team. After eight innings, the faculty and staff won, with a score of 16-13.

Providing hilarious running commentary were Professors Diane DiCerbo and Denise Belafonte. Leading the faculty and staff players were Gregg Cox, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who served as team captain, and Professor Jim Downey, who was team manager.

Following the game, 15 contestants vied in a home run derby for a Toshiba DVD player, which was won by Cedric Bennett, a junior majoring in sports and recreation management.



Student team member Kevin Van Bronswyk (above) slides for the base; (below) Professor David Schapiro (left) swings away while Professor Jeff Morgan prepares to make a run for home.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT RECEIVES IACBE ACCREDITATION

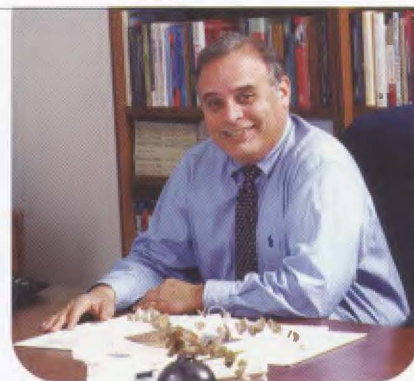
The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) has granted accreditation to the College of Business and Management. The IACBE is a specialized accrediting body for business and business-related degree programs at the baccalaureate and graduate degree levels in colleges and universities, and measures the effectiveness of business education through outcomes assessment.

A prestigious honor reserved for only a few universities worldwide, the accreditation follows a comprehensive self-study by the college. The yearlong effort resulted in a two-volume report

totaling more than 1,000 pages, says Ralph Norcio, dean of the college. The report was submitted to the

IACBE last December, and the IACBE conducted a site visit at Lynn the following February.

"A great number of people participated in this effort, including our faculty led by Joan Scialli, other departments at the university and the administration, who were very supportive of our pursuit of this accreditation," says Norcio.



The college, led by Dean Ralph Norcio, completed a yearlong self-study for the IACBE accreditation.

LYNN HOSTS FLORIDA LITERATURE AND FILM WEEK, NOTED AUTHOR

The works of Zora Neale Hurston and Robert Olen Butler were centerpiece of a weeklong exploration and celebration of literature and film at Lynn University in April.

The April 26-30 program was a component of the Palm Beach Literacy Coalition's annual Read Together Palm Beach County event, which this year focused on Hurston's book *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. The book was

chosen by Palm Beach County citizens who "voted" at libraries and through special Web sites. Joining events held throughout the county, the activities at Lynn University were the result of months of extensive planning by Lynn's English Department, led by its chair, Jeff Morgan.

"We are genuinely excited about our role of promoting unity in the county through literature and an open dia-

logue that advances the search for truth and understanding," Morgan says.

A highlight of the week was a visit by Butler, whose collection of short stories, *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1993. He participated in a panel discussion on Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* with Lynn University scholars from the English and history departments on April 27, presented a lecture on April 28 and took part in a lunch discussion with Lynn students on April 29.

A poetry coffeehouse featuring the Florida poems of Wallace Stevens, student symposia, writing workshops and showings of the films *Cross Creek* and *Adaptation* rounded out the events.



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler leads a discussion with Lynn University students during the university's weeklong exploration of literature and film presented by the English Department in April.

GIFT FROM WOLD FAMILY, McART APPOINTMENT ADVANCE THEATRE ARTS

A gift in memory of the late Keith C. Wold, M.D., has established a fund for the development of the theatre arts at Lynn University and has endowed a new position to lead the effort.

Lynn University President Donald E. Ross announced the gift, which establishes the Keith C. Wold, M.D. Memorial Fund for the Development of Theatre Arts. Wold was actively working on this project before his death, and his wife, Elaine Wold, and family are pleased to have this memorial fund established in his honor. The fund endows a new position of Director of Theatre Arts Program Development at Lynn. President Ross has appointed theatre legend Jan McArt to the post.

Officially named by former governors Lawton Chiles and Bob Graham as "The First Lady of Florida's Musical Theatre," McArt has had an exciting and wide-ranging career, from opera and Broadway, to concerts and television appearances. At Lynn, she will assist in developing and implementing the university's theatre arts program and help provide its vision, strategic direction and leadership.

"Lynn University is deeply grateful to the Wold family for their generosity and vision," says President Ross. "We're extremely fortunate that Jan McArt, one of the most talented theatre professionals in the world, lives here in Boca Raton,

knows the university and has a proven track record in every aspect of performing and production. We can't imagine a more qualified person to help our burgeoning theatre arts program grow.

"This is a natural expansion for Lynn University," President Ross adds. "Our Conservatory of

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Noted theatre professional Jan McArt is Lynn's new director of Theatre Arts Program Development.

McArt plans to teach, offer seminars featuring well-known theatre professionals and develop a curriculum that includes courses in technical theatre, theatre management and the performing arts.

She attended DePauw University, where she majored in theatre and minored in music. She further honed her performing skills in New York City with famed acting coaches Lee and Paula Strasberg at the Actor's Studio and with the head of the voice studio at Juilliard.



The late Keith C. Wold, M.D., for whom the fund to develop theatre arts is named.

CNN'S WOLF BLITZER SHARES WORLD VIEW AT LYNN LECTURE

Television news anchor and prominent international journalist Wolf Blitzer spoke at Lynn University on March 10 as part of the Dively Frontiers in Globalization Lecture Series.

Blitzer addressed more than 400 luncheon guests in the Green Center on the Lynn University campus. Some of the topics Blitzer touched upon were North Korea, Iraq and the aftermath of the attacks on September 11.



Prominent television journalist Wolf Blitzer spoke at Lynn University last March as part of the Dively Frontiers in Globalization Lecture Series.

Blitzer said he felt the fear of terror toward our country prior to 9/11, but never anticipated the attacks of that day. "Terrorism remains a part of our lives. Americans are constantly reminded of the dangers lurking out there," said Blitzer.

When asked about peace in the Middle East, Blitzer was not optimistic and feared that the situation in that region will probably get worse before it gets better. "I don't see any short-term progress between the Israelis and the Palestinians," he said.

Blitzer also spoke about his career as a journalist, telling the audience how it is a "challenge knowing that the whole world is watching [him]

to find out what's going on in the world."

Blitzer is the anchor of CNN's *Wolf Blitzer Reports*, a weekday evening broadcast focusing on the day's top news. He also hosts *Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*, the only Sunday talk show seen in more than 212 countries and territories. While at CNN, he has served as senior White House correspondent for seven years of the Clinton administration; co-anchored *The World Today* and was military affairs correspondent at the Pentagon. Blitzer began his career in 1972 as a Washington, D.C., correspondent for *The Washington Post*, soon

moving to Tel Aviv to join Reuters News Agency. The Emmy Award-winning Blitzer is the author of *Between Washington and Jerusalem: A Reporter's Notebook* and *Territory of Lies*.

The Dively Frontiers series was established through a generous grant from the George S. Dively Foundation. This resource, the George S. Dively Visiting Professorship, enables Lynn University to invite to campus dynamic individuals whose achievements have contributed to world progress. The luncheon was sponsored by the Roland A. Ritter Foundation. A lifelong member of the consumer finance industry, Ritter established the foundation to assist charities in Boca Raton.

EXPERT VISITS LYNN AND EXPLORES FASCINATING ASPECTS OF CREATIVITY

What makes people truly happy, satisfied and fulfilled, and how does creativity serve as a central source of meaning in our lives?

These questions are at the core of the research of Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, one of the world's foremost experts on creativity. Lynn University and the Unicorn Children's Foundation hosted the renowned researcher and author on April 15 at the Louis and Anne Green Center for the Expressive Arts.

Csikszentmihalyi is the C. S. and D. J.

REMEMBERING LONGTIME FRIEND DINA McMENIMEN BICKEL

The Lynn University community was deeply saddened at the passing of Dina McMenimen Bickel, former chairman of the Board of Overseers and a longtime friend of the university, on January 26, 2004.

Serving as first chairman of what was originally referred to as the College Ball, Bickel helped establish a great tradition of community support for the annual event through her exceptional imagination and creativity. As chairman of the Board of Overseers, Bickel helped lead the university through a period of tremendous growth. She also was a member of the Excalibur Society of Lynn University.

"Lynn University is a better place to work and to study as a direct result of Dina's leadership," says President Donald E. Ross. "Dina's lovely smile and charming personality will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her."

Davidson Professor of Psychology at the Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University, and director of its Quality of Life Research Center (QLRC). Founded in 1999, the QLRC is a nonprofit research institute that studies "positive psychology"—human strengths such as optimism, creativity, intrinsic motivation and responsibility—and its effect on human affairs.

Csikszentmihalyi has studied more than 90 of the world's most creative people, such as author Madeline L'Engle and scientist Jonas Salk, to find out how creativity has been a force in their lives. He discovered that some highly creative people find satisfaction by inventing a career or job for themselves—for example, a scientist who creates a new field of study. These findings are described in his book *Creativity: Flow and the Psychology of Optimal Experience*, which has been translated into 15 languages.

Good Work is perhaps his best-known book, which he wrote with noted experts Howard Gardner and William Damon. The three researched institutions and individuals who exemplify "good work"—defined as work that simultaneously exhibits both technical and ethical excellence. They found that professionals in most domains have a vision of good work and how it might be achieved, even though they recognize the challenges to carrying it out.

Csikszentmihalyi serves on the editorial boards of numerous professional journals and has been a consultant to businesses, government organizations, educational associations and cultural institutions. He is also emeritus professor of human development at the University of Chicago.

Csikszentmihalyi's lecture is part of a continuing partnership between Lynn University and the Unicorn Children's Foundation, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of education and research for children

with learning and communication disorders. It was founded in Boca Raton in 1995 to help parents, pediatricians, therapists, educators and other professionals learn to identify problems with communication and learning in the early stages of childhood development.



Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, one of the world's foremost experts on creativity, spoke at Lynn in April.

BLACK STUDENT UNION HAS BLOCKBUSTER YEAR

Lynn University's Black Student Union (BSU) has thrived this academic year, with talented leadership and an outstanding roster of activities. Its success earned the BSU Most Improved Organization of the Year honors at the annual Student Leadership Banquet on April 22.

Led by Felecia Hatcher, the BSU this year drafted a new constitution and created a lively calendar of events that began with a Poetry Coffeehouse during Diversity Month in January. Students from across the campus came to Knights Court to exhibit their skills in the spoken word through poems with ethnic flavor from both past and present. Other dynamic events were a

Backyard Barbecue that kicked off Black History Month in February, Movie Nights, a Black Author Series, a talent show and a Black Inventors Challenge. Participants in the challenge were charged with completing a day without using

"BSU worked very hard to move from being an ordinary student organization to being a vibrant and important constituency at Lynn University."

any inventions by African-Americans—a difficult task, considering their innovations include the hairbrush, doorknob and many other fixtures of daily life.

"Our main goal this year was simply to create cultural awareness," Hatcher says, adding that she hopes the activities will become Lynn University traditions.

Dean of Students Paul Turner commends the group for a job well done. "With the enthusiastic and committed leadership of Felecia Hatcher, the organization made its presence felt throughout the campus with its programming efforts and community service projects," he says. "The leadership within the group developed a renewed spirit among the membership that clearly showed itself as the Black Student Union became one of the strongest and most active groups on campus. The name of the award implies that a positive change has taken place. BSU worked very hard to move from being an ordinary student organization to being a vibrant and important constituency at Lynn University."

UNDERGRADUATES EXPERIENCE BUSINESS IN THE REAL WORLD

There's nothing as valuable as practical experience, but often students must wait to earn it after completing their education. A new undergraduate course in Lynn's College of Business and Management, however, provides students with both first-rate instruction and real-world business experience.

The course, The Quest for Professional Excellence, is a work experience class designed by Professor Grace Greenberg to help students develop professional business practices. This spring, a group of 10 students was the first to participate. Divided into two teams, the students completed an intensive 40-hour training program conducted by Nancy Randles, president of the 5060 Group in Lake Worth. Students served the community while developing skills in leadership, critical thinking, communication, computer applications, strategic planning, networking, consulting and team building.

One student team worked with Boca Raton

Capping the BSU's banner year, chapter President Felecia Hatcher accepts the Most Improved Organization of the Year award from Dean of Students Paul Turner.



WRITER, POET AND 'GRANDMA PRIVATE EYE' SPEAKS TO LYNN EXCALIBUR SOCIETY

Lynn University Excalibur Society's March 17 luncheon meeting featured Virginia Artrip Snyder, the author and private eye who inspired Angela Lansbury's character on the TV series *Murder, She Wrote*.

Snyder, who has been a private investigator for more than 20 years, was the second woman in Florida to obtain a private investigator's license. The Delray Beach resident has handled many high-profile cases, appearing on several national and international TV shows.

After warm welcomes by Etta Schaeffer, Excalibur Society president, and Yvonne Boice, chair of the scholarship committee, scholarship recipient Andrea Jamel touched the hearts of luncheon guests with her personal story of how her Excalibur scholarship made a critical difference in her education and career in the health care field. "Pursuing my MBA has restored my confidence," said Jamel. "I learned it is never too late to continue my educational career."

The Excalibur Society of Lynn University is an organization of individuals in the Boca Raton community who are dedicated to raising scholarship dollars for students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to further their education at Lynn. Since its founding in 1991, the Excalibur Society has raised more than \$500,000 in endowed funds and given more than \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

Virginia Artrip Snyder, inspiration for the sleuth in the TV series *Murder, She Wrote*, and her husband, Ross, at the Excalibur Society luncheon.



Community Hospital, and the other worked with The Center for Technology, Enterprise, and Development, Inc. of Delray Beach. The first team's task was to study and make recommendations on how to create a work environment consistent with a Top 100 employer, as ranked by *Fortune* and *Working Mother* magazines. The second team was charged with creating a marketing plan to complement the center's new business plan.

In addition to mastering such business essentials as conducting meetings, creating presentations, and identifying short- and long-term goals, the students learned other valuable lessons in a

highly memorable format. Both teams of students participated in a rope obstacle course to build trust and team cohesiveness.

Said Darren Carter, a junior who worked with the Boca Raton Community Hospital group, "I'm very driven individually, but I wasn't that good at working with a team. But now my team skills are top-notch."

Professor Greenberg praised her students' progress. "They all gave an awesome presentation, and they now have a sense of what developing strategies in the actual business world is really about."

JEFF AND JULIE DIERMEIER LEAD NEW PARENTS & FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

Like most Lynn parents, Jeff and Julie Diermeier want their daughter Erica's and son Jeremy's educational experiences to be as positive as possible. And, through their exceptional involvement and generosity, these parents are working toward that goal for every student at Lynn. The Diermeiers, who reside in Hinsdale, Ill., and Naples, Fla., have agreed to lead Lynn University's new Parents & Families Association, and they have made a \$100,000 donation for educational purposes.

On both counts, the Diermeiers were motivated by the tremendous potential they see at a young university like Lynn. "Both Julie and I are very appreciative of schools of higher learning that focus on preparing students to achieve their goals in the real world after graduation," says Jeff Diermeier, a retired global chief executive officer for UBS Global Asset Management.

Lynn has that strong practical orientation, he

"At Lynn, parents can have a meaningful influence, and we want to help them do that."

says, plus, by virtue of its youth, a superior ability to adapt to change. "In business, from a standpoint of motivating change, we say that legacy and conformity are usually two of the biggest burdens that institutions carry in trying to move forward." Because Lynn is unencumbered by a "heavy legacy or attitude toward conformity," he believes, it is better able to respond to change and, ultimately, flourish.

At a university like Lynn, Diermeier points out, parents have special opportunities to make a difference. In addition to helping recruit students, raise funds, and assist with students' career and internship positions, parents can do even more—contribute their ideas. "If you have an idea for a program that fits within the context of the university, you'll be heard," he says. "At older institutions," he adds with humor, "they'll be polite."

He cites his and his wife's recent gift as an example. Its specific terms are still under development, but the gift might be used to provide seed money for an investment portfolio program in which students invest the money to learn about the stock market. "Most importantly," he says, "they would learn the elements of portfolio construction and decision-making under uncertainty. That was the kind of thing that helped me back when I was at university."

Meanwhile, the Diermeiers are helping lay the groundwork for the Parents & Families Association. They plan to create a database of parents' e-mail addresses and events where parents can get together and lend their support. "At Lynn, parents can have a meaningful influence," Diermeier says, "and we want to help them do that."

In addition, representatives from Lynn University are visiting parents across the nation and inviting their participation as executive board members and regional representatives of the association. To learn more about the Parents & Families Association and to get involved, please contact Gareth Fowles, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at 561-237-7984 or gfowles@lynn.edu.

Jeff and Julie Diermeier have generously given their time and resources to Lynn University, heading the new Parents & Families Association and making a leadership gift.



MIKE VIGIL GIVES BACK TO THE INSTITUTE THAT SHAPED HIS LIFE

Without the Institute for Achievement and Learning at Lynn University, Mike Vigil, BSHM '01, says he would not be the person he is today.

That person is a former president of Lynn's Student Government and the current vice president of Allan Vigil Ford in Morrow, Ga.—the state's largest Ford dealership.

To show his appreciation, Vigil has made an unrestricted gift to the institute. His donation places him in Lynn's highest annual giving society, the President's Council.

Vigil credits the people behind the institute—its executive director, Marsha Glines, and her staff—for helping him reach his goals. "Dr. Glines inspired me to do more than I ever thought I could," Vigil says. "She and her staff are probably the reason I got so much out of my education at Lynn."

Says Glines, "Michael Vigil is a great example of a student who emerged as a leader during his tenure at Lynn. He was a focused student who took advantage of our study abroad program and of our support services. He connected positively with faculty and staff and thus had an impact on many at Lynn University.

"We are most appreciative that he has illustrated his support of our ongoing work at Lynn with his generous gift," she continues. "As an institution of higher education, we will continue to be nationally recognized as our alums shine on. We celebrate the Michael Vigils."

Remaining connected with

Lynn is a priority for Vigil. "I feel like Lynn was the stepping stone for my career, for where I am now and where I'm going. Staying active with Lynn is not only beneficial for Lynn, but also for me—in terms of my personal growth and future education, and in the personal relationships I enjoy with faculty, staff and students."

He adds, "I'm excited about where the institute is going and where Lynn is going. I think Lynn is on the right path and is going to be a great university. I look forward to being a part of that."

If you wish to make a gift to Lynn University, you may do so by phone at 1-877-326-LYNN, online at www.lynn.edu (click "Support Lynn") or by returning the envelope included in this issue. **Thank you for making a difference!**

SENIOR CLASS AND ALUMNUS ENHANCE LYNN CAMPUS

Students, faculty and staff at Lynn University will soon have a beautifully remodeled courtyard, thanks to a \$5,122.62 gift from the Class of 2004 and a matching gift from Christian Arakelian, BA '95.

Located within de Hoernle Residence Hall, the courtyard will feature new brick pavers, benches, and lush landscaping. The project is part of a \$3.5 million renovation of the hall, which is home to 150 students and the Conservatory of Music.

The Senior Class Gift is a new tradition at Lynn, explains Mike Sirchio, BSHM '04 and a member of the Student Alumni Association. Part of the SAA for the last three years, Sirchio has seen both the amount and level of participation in the Senior Class Gift grow. The gift is made through a "senior challenge," whereby each class member is asked to give a total signifying its year: for example \$20.03 for last year's class gift and \$20.04 for this year's gift.

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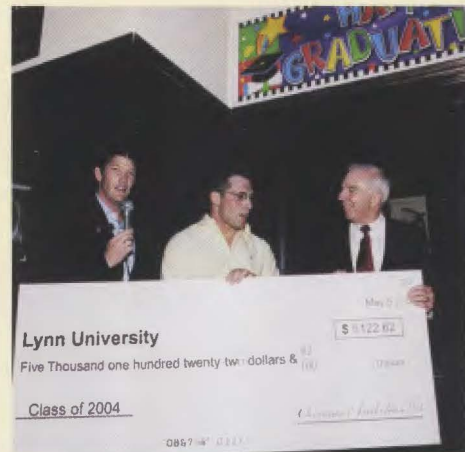
doubled that amount and given \$40.08 each, which is great," says Sirchio, who hails from Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. "When we come back to campus as alumni, we'll be able to see what we contributed to."

Matching the seniors' gift dollar for dollar up to \$1,500 was "a fun thing to do," says Arakelian, who majored in communications at Lynn and now works in sales at his family's business, Standard Manufacturing, in Troy, N.Y. "My friends in college are still some of my best friends," he says. "It's just fun to give back to Lynn and to stay involved as an alumnus."

The Senior Class Gift was presented during Lynn's Graduation Celebration on May 5 at the Wishing Well in Boca Raton. Looking on were a record number of 180 guests, including alumni, friends and

parents from as far away as Great Britain: David and Susan Davies, parents of Tom Davies, and Malcolm and Christine Lumsden, parents of Ross Lumsden.

The Senior Class Gift is building a strong tradition of not only stu-



Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Gareth Fowles (left) introduces Mike Sirchio (center), BSHM '04, who presented the gift on behalf of his class to President Donald E. Ross.

dent giving, but alumni giving, as well. Last year, the Class of 2003 raised \$5,000, and alumnus John Langan, AAB '81, matched every dollar up to \$1,500. Their contributions were used to renovate the courtyard outside Lynn's dining hall.



PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

IS A DAUNTING GOAL, BUT

FOR KATHRYN SPIRITO

STRANIERO, AA '72, IT'S

HER JOB—AND LIFE'S PASSION.

Home is where her Heart is

EACH NIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES, an estimated 600,000 men, women and children go homeless, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And every day Kathryn Spirito Straniero, AA '72, and her dedicated staff at Together We Cope, a homeless prevention agency in Tinley Park, Ill., are doing their part to keep those ranks from swelling. ❧ Straniero, executive director of the agency, and her team of 13 part-time staff members and 100 volunteers help 7,000 peo-

ple annually break free of the downward financial spiral that could cost them their homes. They do whatever it takes—from paying rent, mortgage, utility and prescription drug bills, to providing food, clothing, furniture and household items. ❧ "No one digs themselves out of a hole with one mortgage payment," Straniero says. "Years ago people were given financial assistance once every two years, and then they were supposed to be on their own. That just doesn't happen. We carry our clients as long as they need to be carried."

It's a job that has been Straniero's passion for the last 11 years, when she first walked through the doors of Together We Cope, looking to volunteer a few hours of her time each week. She didn't possess a degree in social work or a long track record in nonprofit leadership, but she did have a heart for others, having cared for her family since marrying and having children shortly after graduating from Lynn University (then Marymount College). In the early part of the 1990s she helped care for her father during his struggle with cancer. After he succumbed to the disease, she felt the need to become more involved in her community. She already served on the local school board and at a fellow member's urging, looked into volunteering at Together We Cope.

At the time, the agency was undergoing its own transition. It lacked an executive director,

agency's success with her dedicated staff. "It was all due to a great group of people who shared a common vision," she says. "As soon as we had the opportunity, we put that vision into place."

Indeed, dedication and vision are essential in grappling with a problem as complex as homelessness. For instance, how do people become homeless? Straniero has observed certain trends in her four-township service area just outside Chicago. "When I started working here, we were helping primarily single males and some families. Then we shifted to families and very few single males. Next, single moms—those who were divorced or never married—became the majority of our clients. Today, we still see a lot of single mothers and their children, but we also see increasing numbers of senior citizens—especially for prescription drug assistance. These are people who are very proud, have worked all their

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and there was constant turnover among the staff. When Straniero first visited the agency, she wound up landing a staff job.

"I was stunned," she recalls. "I thought, 'Oh no, I have a job and have to be accountable to someone.' But it turned out to be exactly the place for me."

Straniero worked as a staff member for four years. When the executive director departed, the agency's board named her to the post. Applying knowledge she had gained from her school board service, she led the agency in doubling in size and, to accommodate its steady growth, five relocations to larger facilities.

I learned so much from my fellow administrators on the school board," she says. "I got to work with people who taught me about finance, law, administration, negotiation and fairness. I think that's why I could do this job."

She has not only done the job, but excelled at it. In 2001, Straniero was selected as United Way's Executive Director of the Year. She is quick to share credit for the award and her

lives and all of a sudden they can't pay their rent because of the high cost of their medications."

She adds, "We've seen a new phenomenon: families whose homes are infested with mold. They wind up leaving after fighting with their insurance companies and having to pay their mortgage as well as hotel and repair costs."

While their circumstances differ, Straniero's clients share a common classification: the "newly poor."

"These are people who have a beautiful home in the suburbs and one or two car payments and two incomes coming in," Straniero explains. "But, because one or both of their companies downsize or close down, these families lose one or more incomes. Often, these people don't know where to turn. They still have all these bills that they could afford to pay at one time. Because they never needed assistance, they don't know to ask for it soon enough. And they go into foreclosure."

Thus, Straniero and her colleagues are spreading the word that people should contact the agency in the early stages of financial diffi-

culty. The next step is for clients to bring in copies of their bills and pay stubs, as well as any other relevant documentation, such as a police or fire report if a robbery or fire contributed to their hardship. Together We Cope conducts an investigation and rallies support from other cooperating agencies. The client receives a financial overview detailing expenses and income and recommended ways of closing the gap. The agency then steps in with assistance. Straniero and her staff telephone landlords and utility companies and negotiate payment plans. And she and her coworkers develop and fine-tune programs that provide goods and alleviate

The Back to School program fulfills two important goals. One, it ensures that clients' children start the school year on an equal footing with their peers. The stress and embarrassment of not having new clothing and school supplies are eliminated. Secondly, the program reaches out to the entire family at this time.

In some instances, Straniero has discovered, changing the rules is necessary to better meet clients' needs. Formerly during the holiday season, the agency arranged a meal for clients and their families at a nearby country club. It made for a big photo opportunity in the local press, but

Straniero felt providing gifts for families would be much more meaningful. Now, the agency administers an Adopt-a-Family program in which volunteers contribute two toys and new pajamas for every child. The parents receive gifts, too, plus a large food basket. The gifts are bagged for the parents to pick up, take home and put under the tree. "It's all about taking away stress at holiday time and giving people options and hope," Straniero explains.

Also changed for the better was a restriction against clients performing volunteer work. "In terms of building self-esteem, the old rule didn't make sense," Straniero says. "Our people may not be able to work, but they still need to be productive. They want to give back."

Sometimes the agency's clients volunteer at Together We Cope, and former clients return to offer their services.

"We had a single man with four children who came to us homeless," Straniero says. "He's now one of our best volunteers. He's started his own catering business and donates his services."

Not all cases end so happily, but Straniero wouldn't trade her job for the world. "There are no big bucks here, but we're able to help so many people," she says. "These people touch your life. They open themselves up to you, and they trust you to do the right thing. Working with them is a gift."



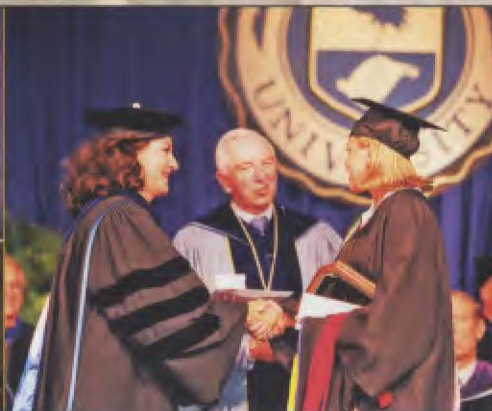
Kathryn Straniero inspects the well-stocked pantry at Together We Cope. Last year the agency distributed more than 110 tons of food to people in need and this year expects to provide much more.

some of the stress that accompanies financial hardship.

One example is the Back to School program, through which every child in need is given a new backpack filled with school supplies at the start of the school year. The children also are given certificates for clothing and a new pair of shoes. The entire family receives something, too. Siblings below school age receive a new toy, and moms and dads get a Pamper Pack, filled with health care products.



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CLASS OF 2004

MAY 8, 2004, WAS A MILESTONE FOR 530 LYNN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AS THEY CELEBRATED ONE OF LIFE'S MOST THRILLING ENDINGS—AND BEGINNINGS: COMMENCEMENT.



On a morning that was as dazzling as their achievement and potential, a record 530 students received their diplomas from Lynn University. Of the graduates, 390 earned undergraduate degrees, 125 received master's degrees and 15 obtained doctorates.

Leading the proud procession into the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center on May 8 was chief marshal Ernie Ranspach, chair of the art and design department, who is retiring after serving on the Lynn faculty for 35 years. John Lallo, Jr., member of the Class of 2004, welcomed the families and friends who gathered to honor the graduates. Lallo thanked the parents and professors who have supported him and his classmates in their educational journey. Irving R. Levine, dean of the College of International Communication, then introduced the Honorable George E. Pataki, governor of the state of New York, who delivered the commencement address.

Pataki, who was elected to his third term in office in a landslide victory in 2002, urged Lynn graduates to work with resolve in upholding the ideals of freedom and justice. Drawing upon the shortest commencement address in history by former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill—"Never give up; never, never, never give up"—Pataki referenced the challenges of the American Revolution and the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, to underscore his message. "As citizens of the world it is our duty to stand up for freedom," he said. "We must prevail. We can never give up."

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Graduates (above) await with anticipation the beginning of Lynn University's 41st Commencement Exercises. A graduate (right) beams after receiving her diploma. (Previous page, above) Graduates depart with their diplomas raised high; (below, from left) President Donald E. Ross (left) and guest speaker New York Governor George E. Pataki; Lisa Gangel (right) accepts the Trustees' Medal from President Ross and Board of Trustees Chairman Christine E. Lynn; a graduate joins his proud family following the ceremony.



A MEMORABLE MARCH FOR PROFESSOR ERNIE RANSPACH

When Professor Ernie Ranspach led the commencement procession as this year's chief marshal, the honor held special significance. It commemorated his 35 years of teaching art and design at Lynn University—the longest tenure of any Lynn faculty member. Although Ranspach is retiring from teaching, his influence at the university will continue.

First, a classroom in Assaf Hall has been named in Ranspach's honor, with a plaque recognizing his myriad contributions. Second, Lynn University is the first institution to purchase Ranspach's RAK System, a mobile, multitask workstation for artists and designers that transforms the art classroom into a multifunctional space.

In fact, Ranspach, who is 71, will be back in the classroom this fall, observing how well his invention works so he can refine and market it on a mass scale.

"I never dreamed this would happen," says Ranspach of the opportunity to fast-track research and development on his invention, on which he holds four patents. "It would have taken me years to do this type of research. If the RAK does what I think it will do, Lynn can expand the art and design program, and that would really be the most thrilling cap to my career."

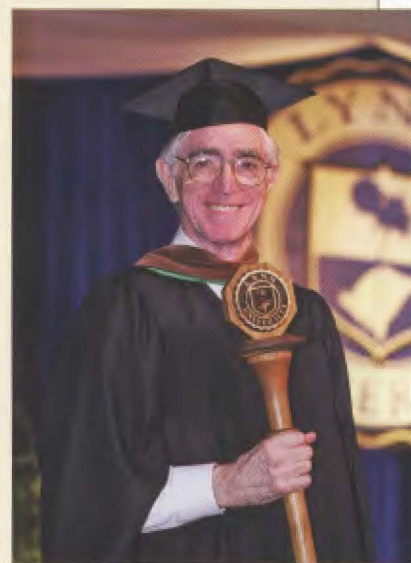
And what a career it's been. Ranspach was hired in 1969 to teach sculpting at what was then Marymount College, after having held 20 different jobs ranging from welder to tugboat engineer to military intelligence analyst. Not knowing that Marymount was verging on bankruptcy, Ranspach and his young family purchased a home in Boca Raton. He and

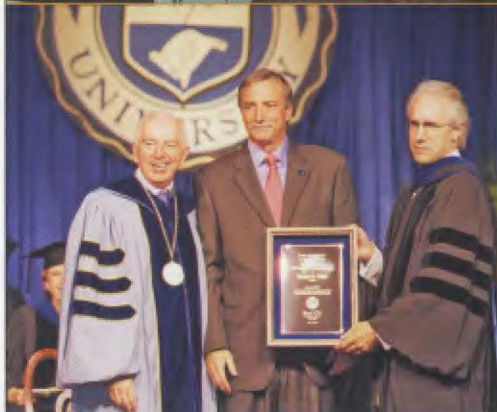
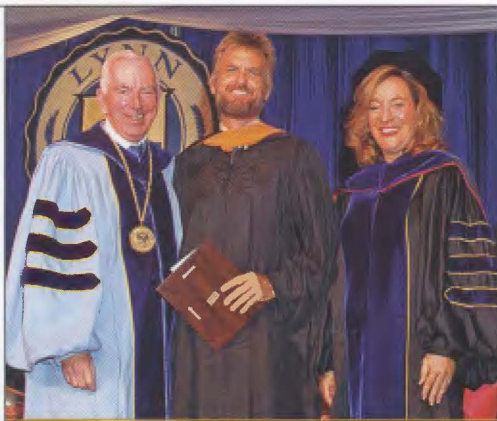
three other new faculty began building the art and design department. By 1971, despite having become coeducational in an effort to increase enrollment, Marymount was slated to close.

"One of our two male students organized the student body to raise money to keep the school open," Ranspach recalls. "We marched from campus to Federal Highway and Palmetto Park Road and fanned out with tin cups to raise enough money to pay faculty salaries until the end of the school year."

Soon after, a young Donald E. Ross, former president of Wilmington College, saved Marymount from closure and oversaw the university's evolution. Ranspach has been a campus fixture through it all, as he helped hone the artistic talents of generations of students.

"Teaching here was not work," Ranspach says. "It's been the best part of my adult life. The students are fascinating, and there's a friendly, family feeling at Lynn. Other people care and are interested. Knowing you have that behind you makes all the difference."





(Above, from top) President Ross (left), Michael Petroski (center), recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Kathleen Cheek-Milby; Bachelor of Arts candidate Jodie S. Arrington (right) shares a happy moment with her mother, Associate Professor of Education Carole Warshaw, before the ceremony; Distinguished Alumnus Brooks D. Eden (center), BSBA '75, with President Ross (left) and Michael M. Lawrence, MPS '96.

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Following the address, Kathleen Cheek-Milby, vice president for Academic Affairs, bestowed the Outstanding Teacher Award to Michael Petroski, assistant professor in the College of Business and Management. The honor is determined by vote of the graduating class. Petroski joined Lynn University in 1989 as a math tutor and computer science teacher. He heads the computer science department, coordinates faculty and staff computer training, and teaches computer applications, statistics and quantitative methods.

Presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award was Brooks D. Eden, BSBA '75, founder of Eden & Associates, Inc., an executive search and consulting firm to the food, drug and retailing industries. During more than 20 years of operation before its sale in 2002, the firm gained international prominence. Today, he serves as trustee of The Eden Charitable Foundation and as a volunteer in his community. He and his wife, Maria, are parents of 16-year-old twins, David and Laura. The family resides in Paoli, Pa., and Jupiter, Fla.

Before the ceremony drew to a close, 15 graduates were presented awards for their outstanding achievements (see the listing below).

After President Donald E. Ross conferred the degrees upon the graduates, they joined their families, friends, fellow alumni and members of the university community for a congratulatory reception.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATES EARN SPECIAL AWARDS

Fifteen members of the Class of 2004 were recognized during the commencement ceremonies for their exceptional achievements. These outstanding graduates included the following:

Christina Nienaber	Medina McMenimen Bickel Fashion Award
Gildordo Reyes	James J. Oussani Award
Ashley Pearce	Bachelor's Degree Award
Marta Murvai	M. Elizabeth Maddy Cumpton Endowed Memorial Award
Lisa Gangel	Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence in Communication Award
Stacey Critchlow	Master's Degree Award
Kristi Smith	Master's Degree Award
Patricia Zenczak	Master's Degree Award
Linda Gizinski	Professional and Continuing Education Award
Teisha Huggins	Bradley Middlebrook II Student Service Award
Marissa Freed	Robert M. Sandelman Outstanding Marketing Excellence Award
John Lallo, Jr.	Count and Countess de Hoernle Humanitarian Award
Michelle Robostello	Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education
Kathleen Klein	College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Ross Lumsden	President's Award
Lisa Gangel	Trustees' Medal

JOHN LALLO AND LYNN SIBLINGS CREATE APPAREL LINE

Business savvy and creativity run in the Lallo family. New graduate John Lallo, BSBA '04, and his sisters, Melissa, BSBA '02; Erica, BSBA '03; and Samantha, a sophomore at Lynn, are launching their own business—like their father, John Lallo, Sr., did years ago in establishing an interior design and cabinetry business in Youngstown, Ohio. But instead of interior design, the younger Lалos are focusing on women's apparel, including boy shorts and t-shirts, embroidered with say-

After investing in a massive sewing machine, the trio partnered with a former co-worker, who designed their e-commerce site and provided the models. John credits Lynn professors Ralph Norcio, Eldon H. Bernstein and James P. Miller for helping with the managerial and strategic issues. Four professors sit on the Lалos' advisory board.

John serves as chief financial officer of the company, officially named L30 d/b/a SIMARA. The clothing is designed by Erica, who majored in fashion design at Lynn.

Melissa oversees the manufacturing and distribution. In addition to handling the financials, John, who majored in business with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, works with Melissa on strategic development.

Since their e-commerce site launched at the end of January, SIMARA has had sales of about \$10,000. Their next steps to build the business include signing with a promotional company to spread the word through media and placements, contacting additional sales representatives, building the online presence and scouting manufacturing operations for mass production. Shortly after graduating, John is traveling to China to participate

in a Lynn study abroad program. In his downtime, he plans to look for manufacturers.

"In three to five years, we hope to enlist a manufacturing plant and turn our focus to expanding the designs. With an investor, grant or loan, we could really take off with our vision, which is to produce high-quality products for middle-class to upper-middle-class consumers," John says. "We are using the Ralph Lauren philosophy; he started with ties."

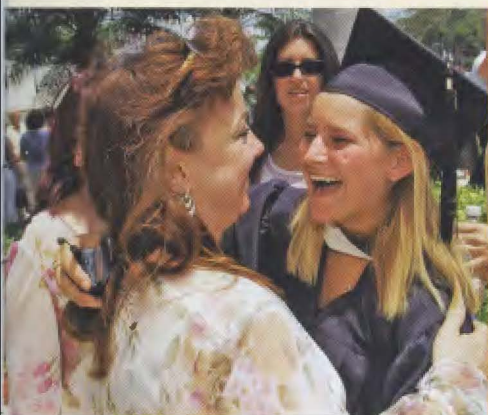
ings like "goddess" and "jackpot" and accented with Swarovski crystals. The pieces retail for \$30 to \$40 each.

John originally wanted to create a men's clothing line, but after investigating start-up costs, he realized it was too expensive. His sisters then weighed in with their ideas, suggesting a women's line. All three began researching concepts and the marketplace, looking for a point of differentiation. They found it with the crystals.

Big smiles were the order of the day as graduates shared their joy with family members, professors and fellow classmates following the commencement ceremony.



Lynn University siblings (from left) Erica, John, Melissa and Samantha Lallo have ambitious designs on success.



THEY ARE DEVELOPING DOWNTOWN LANDMARKS, REDEFINING FINE CUISINE, LEADING COMMUNITIES,

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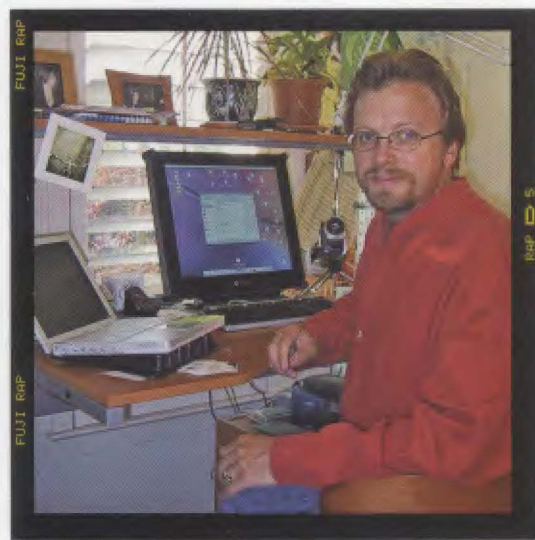
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AND BRINGING US TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS. THEY ARE LYNN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

LYNNFLUENTIAL People



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n this issue, *Lynn University Alumni Magazine* visits with a few of its graduates who have achieved professional success and have plans for even greater accomplishments. You'll meet (from left) real estate entrepreneur Jeff John, acclaimed chef and restaurateur Jose Duarte, Boca Raton City Council member Susan Haynie and technology business wizard Brian Lichorowicz. While they have excelled in widely divergent fields, their common experience at Lynn has helped them develop the skills and confidence to succeed.

CITY SAVVY

Boca Raton council member Susan Haynie, BS '74, is a South Floridian, through and through. Born in Fort Lauderdale, she lived outside the region for 12 years, when her family relocated to New Jersey. But, when it was time to consider college, she chose Lynn University (then Marymount College) and majored in criminal justice. "I decided to come back to my roots," she says.

Her professional calling came just as naturally. After earning her college degree, she joined

the City of Boca Raton, working in its Engineering Department. She specialized in transportation and planning, earning related certifications from the Georgia Institute of Technology and Northwestern University. She also became a Certified Licensed General Contractor in 1983.

adopted term limits in Boca Raton, and all of a sudden there became an opportunity," Haynie recalls. "I looked around and saw the other candidates and thought, 'You know, I could do a good job.'

"Plus," she continues, "there was my love for the city, having lived here for so long, and being a city employee, I brought a different kind of perspective to the job. Having come up through the ranks of the city, I understood a lot of its basic functioning."

Haynie won the election by a substantial margin. This year, she was reelected without opposition. As her distinguished civic career continues, she still holds a mentor of hers at Lynn University in high esteem. "One person who has served as a role model for me, both during my time as a student and during my journey into community leadership, is [Lynn President] Don Ross," Haynie says. "His vision, spirit and tenacity continue to be an inspiration to me today."

Now, as before, Haynie's greatest satisfaction is having an impact on the day-to-day life of the city. "So often you hear people say when you're campaigning, 'I don't vote in municipal elections; I only vote in state and federal elections,'" she says. "In reality, we at a municipal level have a much greater impact on individuals' daily lives through the work we do. It's so rewarding to have a hand in the way our city is progressing."

THE SPICE OF LIFE

Jose Duarte, BSHM '95, MBA '98, is passionate about good food. Owner of the award-winning Taranta restaurant in Boston's historic North End, Chef Duarte is the mastermind of the restaurant's signature Southern Italian and Peruvian fusion cuisine.

An unlikely combination? Not at all, says Duarte, who moved from Lima, Peru, with his family to Acarigua, Venezuela—a region heavily populated with Italians who had immigrated there during World War II. "You have to understand the history behind the food," Duarte explains. "Southern Italy was an Arab domain and a Spanish domain for so long. And Lima

"Having come up through the ranks of the city, I UNDERSTOOD A LOT OF ITS BASIC FUNCTIONING."

The following year, she left the city to raise her sons, Whitney and Payton. Nine years later, she was back, serving on the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment and, from 1995 to 2000, the Planning and Zoning Board. Along the way, she volunteered for a long list of civic organizations.

But, in 2000, a greater challenge beckoned—serving on Boca Raton's City Council. "We had



was actually the second kingdom of Spain. The Incas already had their own gastronomic empire; then the Spaniards came with the Arab influence. All these things mixed together to create what we call Peruvian cuisine. If you compare food today from Southern Italy and South America, there are items and ways of preparation that are absolutely the same."

Duarte's original concept for Taranta was Southern Italian, but about a year ago, he began introducing Peruvian ingredients he had found at a Boston supermarket—at first in his employee meals. Then he served the new dishes in his restaurant, but didn't put them on the menu. One day, a food critic from the *Boston Globe* visited Taranta and raved about one of those dishes. When she inquired how it was prepared, Duarte said, "I use my Peruvian ingredients in Italian cuisine, but I don't tell anybody. I'm afraid they'll run away!"

She assured Duarte that would not be the case, and soon her newspaper devoted a spread to his cuisine. "That marked the beginning of becoming an original restaurant—an unusual blend of two cultures that makes total sense, using native ingredients from Peru that drive Italians crazy!" Duarte says.

In four years Taranta has drawn widespread praise. *Food and Wine* magazine rated it Best New Restaurant in 2001. *USA Today*, *Zagat*, *Travel and Leisure*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Herald*, *Fodor's*, and others have lavished their kudos. "We have really good press and no PR," Duarte jokes. "It's all done by me."

Indeed, Duarte manages all the business details at Taranta, such as choosing and training an excellent team, and ensuring that the proper operations and systems are in place, including computers. Taranta has excellent Web presence (www.tarantarist.com) and takes reservations online. Duarte uses a Blackberry to check reservations after he has completed his customary visits to the fish and produce markets and other errands. His days often begin at 6:30 a.m. and, at busy times, end at 11 p.m. "If the night is

quiet, I escape," he says, "because generally I don't get to take a lot of time off."

Duarte's skill at multitasking is partly innate and partly honed, learned while earning bachelor's and master's degrees in hospitality management

"I love dealing with people, AND I LOVE GOOD FOOD. And I love making people happy with good food."

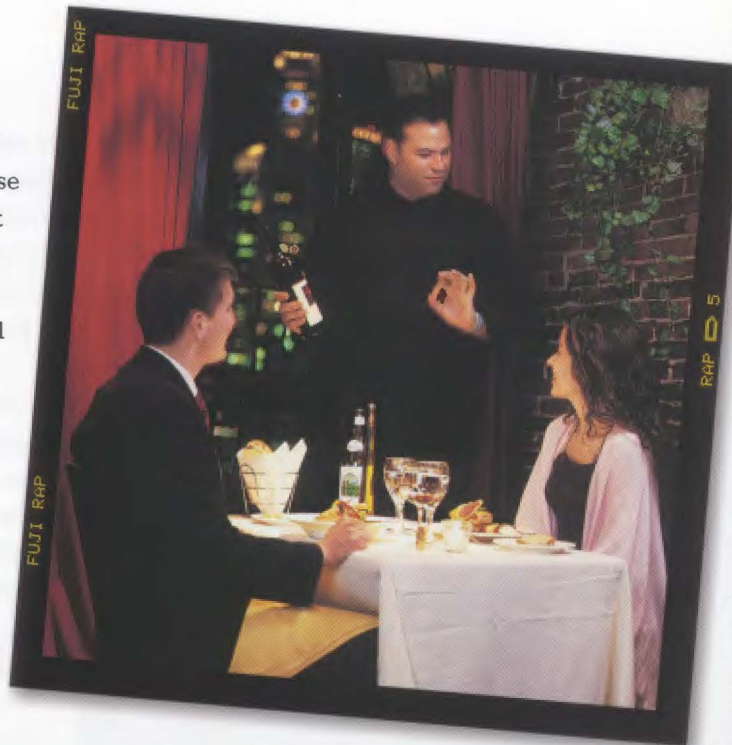
at Lynn University—and while working for John Mondone, former executive chef of the university's food service. "It was a tremendous experience," Duarte says. "John had such energy, motivation and leadership—he has always been an example to me in my career."

Duarte co-owns a second restaurant, Trattoria San Pietro, just south of Boston, in Norwell, Mass. His wife works at that restaurant, which has been in business for nine years. In a few years, Duarte plans to open a restaurant in South Florida. For now, though, he's making sure Taranta is run to perfection.

"It's a lot of work, and you have to like what you do," he says of the business. "I love dealing with people, and I love food. And I love making people happy with good food."

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

Brian Lichorowicz, '84, knows when to seize opportunity in the technology industry. Today president and CEO of Audiopoint, Inc., in Fairfax, Va., he has worked his way through three IPOs, a merger, a buyout and now, a turnaround.



But make no mistake: he's not a techie. "I'm a marketer at heart. I don't code," Lichorowic says. "But one of the things I realized early on is that I need people who do, and they need people like me. You have to figure out how technology can fit into a lifestyle and how to make it a commodity."

"My first computer course at CBR [College of Boca Raton, as Lynn University was known then] was key for me," he continues. "I took the course, kind of limped through it and still got an 'A,' and it just came to me. Next thing you know, even though I was a business major, I saw

InterCon Systems Corporation in Herndon.

"InterCon's big claim to fame was that we became AOL's first Web browser," he explains. Not long afterward, InterCon was the subject of a bidding war, and it was eventually bought out by PSINet, Inc. Lichorowic served as its vice president of marketing and took the company public. Shortly after, he was lured to CyberCash in Reston, Va., as its executive director, again going public. Then, he purchased equity in Nashua, N.H.-based White Pine Software, the makers of CUSeeMe videoconferencing technology.

"CUSeeMe was like the 'Pink Floyd, *Dark*

WITH THREE IPOs UNDER HIS BELT, Brian Lichorowic settled back in Virginia with his wife, horses, bikes—and dogs.



an opportunity for me. I understood it. The professors were great in promoting that with me."

After graduating, he joined a small company named Orion Technology that supplied emulation technology to Apple Computer. "I moved out to California, and I worked as a product manager and quickly moved up to a director," he recalls.

The October 1989 World Series earthquake, though, soon had Lichorowic packing for the East Coast. "I was buried under my desk for the better part of an hour and half. As the quake began, I got up and started walking to the door, and it was like standing on a waterbed," he recalls. "I ran back and dove for cover underneath my desk. I moved to Virginia a week later."

Upon his arrival in Virginia, Lichorowic and three other people started a company called

Side of the Moon' of software: Everybody had a copy of it on their computer; they just didn't know where it came from," he says. "We had something like 30 million installations."

With three IPOs under his belt in three years, he settled back in Virginia with his wife, horses, dogs, bicycles and motorcycles while evaluating his next move. And that turned out to be leading Audiopoint, a developer of natural language voice recognition for e-mail and basic services. The technology provides an intelligent e-mail alert, whereby it calls the user's phone and the user can reply to, forward or delete the message with voice commands. "It's sort of like OnStar™ for e-mail," Lichorowic explains.

Audiopoint began as a small dot-com start-up, but suffered from a poor revenue model. "The original founder raised \$12.5 million," Lichorowic says, "but burned through \$9 million in less than eight months. They had that common dot-com era revenue model where you lose money on every sale, but make it up in volume."

Lichorowic was called in as a consultant to shut the company down. But he saw potential, and after narrowing the company's focus and building a new management team, he led the company back to profitability. Lichorowic made a key deal with Earthlink, whereby Audiopoint supplies all of its voice-enabled e-mail products

and services. Audiopoint recently went in the black, an accomplishment Lichorowic notes with pride.

What's next for him? "I and a lot of the other early Internet guys are poised for the next wave of technology, whether it's nanotechnology, biotechnology or whatever."

If his record is any indicator, Lichorowic will be one of the first to catch that wave.

MOGUL IN THE MAKING

Jeff John, BSBA '00, MBA '02, has real estate in his blood. Among his father's enterprises is The Prime Group, a successful real estate development company in Chicago. John spent every summer of his college career working in a different division of The Prime Group. Between that and his education at Lynn University, he developed a fluency in virtually every aspect of the industry. In particular, John says, his "great teachers" in the College of Business and Management—among them Dean Ralph Norcio and Professors James Miller and Eldon Bernstein—helped him enter the business world well prepared.

After completing his education, John could have returned to Chicago to work full-time in the family business, but he wanted something more: to attain success in his own right. "At least for the first part of my life, I want to get out here and do something on my own," he explains.

That "something" is transforming a defunct club and concert hall in Fort Lauderdale into a downtown entertainment landmark. The 1926 structure's colorful history includes use as a train station hub, a slaughterhouse, a government warehouse for ammunition and war supplies during World War II, an upscale Cajun restaurant and a series of nightspots from 1980 onward (Backstreets, The Edge and The Chili Pepper). Appropriately, John has named his revitalized club Revolution.

John's real estate expertise, entrepreneurial spirit and affinity for entertainment make the project a perfect fit for him. He has put together a top-notch team of managers who have run House of Blues operations in Orlando, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. And he's worked with leading

design companies and world-renowned street artists on Revolution's interior and exterior spaces, corporate identity and branding strategy.

Its look? "Imagine a revolutionized third world embassy that has just restored music to the people," John says. "We have tropical plants, rock walls, lots of stone and vines. It has a vintage/raw style, but with state-of-the-art sound and light systems."

The 28,000-square-foot property features a 1,200-seat indoor performance area, and an outdoor



Jeff John's real estate expertise, entrepreneurial spirit and affinity for entertainment **MAKE THE PROJECT A PERFECT FIT.**

patio that accommodates more than 2,000 seats. A permanent awning shelters the patio, so that the show goes on, rain or shine.

"We're a full-spectrum concert hall," John says, "including everything from James Brown to Jane's Addiction."

The top business priority—in aesthetics, entertainment and operations—is high quality and superior customer service. It's a commitment that John believes will lead to bigger success down the road.

"We're here for the customer," he says, "as well as the ability to be a major player in the redevelopment of Fort Lauderdale by supplying the city with a high-quality entertainment facility at a great value. This is our flagship project that we'll fine-tune and take nationwide."

1984

Ingrid Dehner McCawley resides in Atlantic Beach, Fla., with her husband of 12 years, Peter V. McCawley, and three children. In addition to her degree in liberal arts with an emphasis in theatre from Lynn (then the College of Boca Raton), Ingrid holds a BA in social psychology from FAU. She lived and worked in Boca Raton in the hospitality industry for several years before meeting Peter in Virginia at a friend's wedding. Peter is a graduate of the Naval Academy and Georgetown University. Currently expecting their fourth child, they are parents to Peter Dehner, 8; Amanda Lynn, 6; and Sarah Ann, 3. Ingrid is a "stay-at-home mom" and says she loves her job.

1986

Lee Woody III is the CEO of a plumbing, heating and air conditioning company that does business in the Florida counties of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Brevard.

1988

Peter Cherry is the head professional at Harpenden Golf Club in England. In 2003 he won the PGA East Region Order of Merit and qualified for the 2004 Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth. While attending Lynn (then the College of Boca Raton), Peter played on the golf team, twice earning All-American honors. He and his wife, Judy, have a daughter, Olivia.

1990

Michele Ferguson had her second child, Benjamin Harris, in August 2003. She and her family moved from Delran to Cherry Hill in New Jersey. Michele runs a Web site for baby product gifts, SoSoMaxx.com.

Kim Kruysman moved back to New Jersey in 1997 where she met her husband, Chris. They have three children, Connor, Carly and Cash, and consider their Mastiff puppy, Cain, their "fourth baby." Kim and Chris own a furniture store, Let's Decorate, and are real estate investors.

Dan Mathews and his wife, Jess, welcomed a new baby boy, Caden Joseph Mathews, on January 24. Big brother Cole has adjusted well to the new addition.

1992

Elizabeth Gosner had her second child, Joseph, who celebrated his second birthday this June.

1993

Naim Arsuaga and his wife, **Jackie Jurgensen Arsuaga, '94**, live in Puerto Rico, where Naim owns an awards and sign shop. He and Jackie are the parents of two boys, Naim, 7, and Gustavo, 4.

Maura E. Dinnhaupt and Paul M. "Shaggy" Connolly were married on October 4, 2003, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in West Palm Beach.

1994

Roberto Char and **Jackie Marcos**,

'95, were married in 1997 in Mexico. They now live in Miami with their 1-year-old twins.

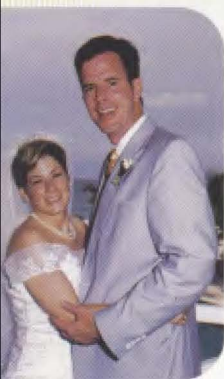
Thomas Grapin lives in Paris, France, with wife Cathou, daughter Penelope and son Virgil.

Jeremy Kerr is a PGA Professional in the Northeastern New York PGA Section. In 2003, for the first time in the section's history, Jeremy earned both the section's PGA Player of the Year and Assistant Player of the Year awards. He and his wife, Martha, live in Albany, N.Y., with their 2-year-old son, Logan James, and are expecting another child at the end of November 2004.



Leticia and Johann Strerath

Johann Strerath worked for six years in the telecommunications industry and is now in the consulting business. He offers professional tutoring services in language proficiency targeted to the executive and corporate community in Sao Paulo, Brazil. His services also include language evaluating methods and supportive workshops to other consulting companies. Johann and his wife, Leticia, are expecting a child.



Maura E. (Dinnhaupt) and Paul M. "Shaggy" Connolly

1995

Brian Horgan was ordained a Catholic priest in 1998 and currently serves as pastor at St. Lucie Catholic Church, Port St. Lucie, Fla.

1996

Carlos Javier Caminos and his wife, **Naila Figueroa**, live in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Carlos is working for the family business, RG Engineering, one of the largest engineering firms on the island. He credits Lynn University and the Institute for Achievement and Learning for opening many doors to success. **Jakob and Petra (Stankova) Lorentzon** were married in Prague on April 16. **Juan Luis "Guri" Oliver**, and his brother, **Jose Oliver, '00**, own the largest funeral home in Puerto

Rico. Guri hopes to start a Lynn University alumni chapter in Puerto Rico "to cater to the Caribbean alumni."

Michael "Sully" Sullivan, his wife, **Teresa (Fitzgerald) Sullivan, '95**, and their two children, Christopher, 2, and Caitlin, 5 months, are enjoying life in Boston.



Newly married Petra (Stankova) and Jakob Lorentzon

1997

Evelyn Asher recently contributed to and edited *Bridge of Hope: A Collection of Inspirational Poems and Testimonies for Caregivers*. Evelyn is pursuing an MBA online through Brenau University, where she holds a full-time position as office manager of the Learning Center. The center serves students with learning disabilities.

Christine Richardson was inducted into Lynn University's Athletic Hall of Fame—the first women's basketball player to earn the honor. She now works for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County at the Levine/Slaughter Unit. Recently she was promoted to Teen Services Director for the new Teen Center facility, where she works with youths ages 14 to 18.

1998

Denise (Mutschlechner) Belkin and **Greg Belkin** were married in 2000, with several Lynn graduates attending and participating in the wedding. Their daughter, Taylor Anne, was born in May 2003. The Belkins live in Alexandria, Va., where Denise works for a law firm. Greg works nearby in Washington, D.C., for the Department of Homeland Security.

Heather (West) Burrell, husband Michael, and son Mikey, Jr. moved to Southampton, N.Y., from where Michael hails. Michael is starting his own business,

while Heather continues to work in development.

Will James lives in Denver, Colo., but travels frequently to Phoenix, Ariz. He has lost 110 pounds and works as a massage therapist and personal trainer.

Nicoletta Sellas

is a psychology intern at the Bronx Psychiatric Center and a candidate for a doctorate in psychology from the University of Denver. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Lynn, she earned a master's degree in clinical psychology at Pepperdine University in Culver City, Calif.



Heather (West) Burrell's son, Mikey, Jr.

1999

Selene Bowlby has worked since graduation at Artisan Designs & Communications, Inc., a small Web/graphic design firm in Deerfield Beach. She and her husband, John Bowlby, were married in March 2000 and built their first house in October 2003 in Port St. Lucie, where they reside with their two cats, Micky and Delilah. The Bowlbys started their own business, iDesign Studios, which offers Web design and hosting services and

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Natalie (Smith) Haarlander went on Semester at Sea and visited 12 countries after graduating from Lynn. She received a master's degree from Emerson College in Boston and married in September 2001. She recently ran in the Disney Marathon.

Jonathan Prebich married in May 2003, in Caneel Bay, St. John, which provided the perfect setting for a romantic wedding. Jonathan works in New York City for *Scientific American*, the

oldest continuously published magazine in the United States.

Darren Warham played professional soccer in Raleigh, N.C.; Dallas, Texas; Charleston, S.C.

and Virginia Beach, Va. He has two children, Chloe, born in 1999, and Jack, born in 2002.



Darren Warham and his family

2000

Lindsay Cohen

joined the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Tripp Scott as an associate,

specializing in real estate transactional law. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Lynn, she earned a law degree at Nova Southeastern University.

Alex Flipse is the executive producer of an action film *Batman Beyond: Ultimate Vengeance*, based on the popular cartoon show, *Batman Beyond*. Alex stars in the film as a villain named Philip Hess. He also has starred in the play *Ten Little Indians* by Agatha Christie, presented by the Actors Community Theatre of Davie, Fla.

2001

George M. Ackerman earned MBA and JD degrees at Nova Southeastern University after obtaining a master's degree in sports administration at Lynn University. While in law school, he worked in the Broward County Prosecutor's Office. He also holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and business

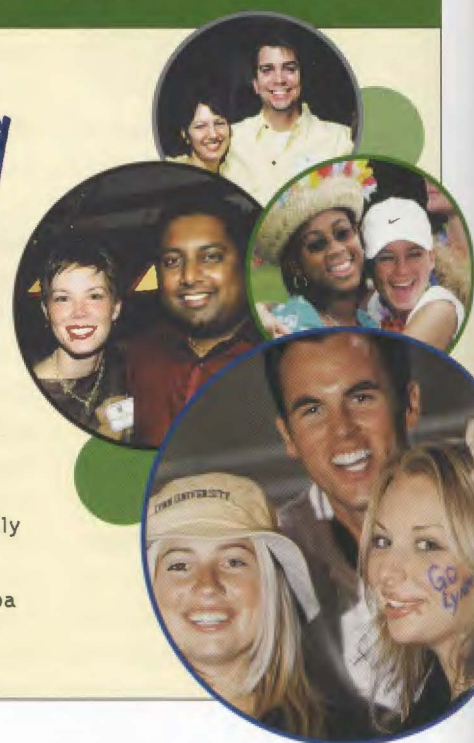
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from Florida Atlantic University. **Jay Brandt**, who earned his BA from Lynn in 1999 and his MBA in 2001, works at Lynn University as director of Athletic Development and director of the Blue & White Club. He is involved with major fund-raisers including the Frank Robino Golf Classic and the Blue & White Auction. In addition to being a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, Jay is a member of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Rotary Club of Boca Sunset. **Ryan and Paula (Pisani) Howard** reside in West Chester, Pa., near Philadelphia. Ryan works for BYL Companies in sales and marketing, and Paula is a media buyer at American Telecast Corporation.

Annemarie (Cardinale) Pontillo was married on May 3, 2003. She is now a kindergarten teacher at Plumosa Elementary School in Delray Beach. While attending Lynn, Annemarie played volleyball and softball for four years.

Jenny van Agtmael is attending graduate school in Boston, pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education.

2002

Angelina (Felth) Edstrom and **Pierre Edstrom**, '01, are the proud parents of a son, Oliver, who was born on January 27.

Hong Chen Ma is a police officer with the University of Texas Police System. He also is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice and criminology at the

University of Texas at Arlington. **Michelle Mitchell** is resuming her MBA studies at Nova Southeastern University and has a 6-month-old baby.

Francesca Moore purchased a house near London, England, where she is a travel agent specializing in Asia, Australia and Africa.

2003

Karlton Brown is pursuing his third degree from Lynn University, a Ph.D. in global leadership. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2001 and his MBA in international management and hospitality two years later.

Kimberly Covell is working and playing soccer in Boston.

Katie Coyne and her fiancé, Nick, live in St. Louis, Mo.

Ryan Fisher is the operations director for Velocity Sports Performance in Trumbull, Conn. He also is a wide receiver for the Connecticut Giants, a semi-professional football team in Milford, Conn.

Dave Gariepy is pursuing a job with the U.S. government and plans to relocate to the Washington, D.C., area by the end of the year. He met his girlfriend, **Jackie Wolbransky**, '02,

during his junior year at Lynn.

Douglas Goldberg is pursuing an MBA and a Professional Studies Performance diploma at Lynn University.

Andrea Goyzueta resides in Peru with her husband of three years and their baby boy, Sebastian.

Mark Lee lives in Perth, Australia, and works as a tech-



Pierre Edstrom and his son, Oliver

nical development manager at The Glory Zone and Jungle Soccer. He plays soccer for the Western Knights in the WA Premier League.

Tiffany North is a "triple Knight" at Lynn University, having received her Bachelor of Arts in 1994, Master of Education in 1996, and Ph.D. in educational leadership in 2003. She now audits federally funded family and child programs to ensure program compliance and accountability.

Rasheema Owens has served as a substitute teacher at several Palm Beach County schools, and is now working on her teaching certification.

Remembering Our Alumni

Joe Essaye, '74, passed away on April 28. A great friend of Lynn University and a former member of the Alumni Board of Directors, Joe is survived by his wife, Carmen, '76, and two sons, Joseph and Albert. Joe was an integral part of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and will be greatly missed. He was the first to volunteer his services and contributed significantly to the success of the Alumni Association.

Charlotte Hayes, '03, passed away on January 14.

Earl Read, '80, passed away in December 2003.

LUMSDEN NAMED MEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lynn University senior defender Ross Lumsden was named National Division II Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). He is Lynn's first men's soccer player to earn the honor.

Lumsden, the Sunshine State Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, was honored in Charlotte, N.C., at a banquet during the NSCAA's annual convention. A four-year starter and captain of Lynn's 2003 NCAA Division II National Championship team, Lumsden appeared in 73 games. He is a three-time First-Team All-American as well as a three-time All-Sunshine State Conference honoree.

"This is a great honor for Ross, our men's soccer program, our athletics department and Lynn University as a whole," LU coach Shaun Pendleton says. "Ross is someone who has been integral to the success of our program over the long haul, and he will be sorely missed. He was a great player, a great leader and most importantly, a great person during his time here."

With Lumsden anchoring the defense, LU went a combined 72-5-1, winning 24 of its 27 SSC matches. Offensively, he scored 16 goals and added three assists for 35 career points.

The Knights finished 2003 with a 22-0-1 record, capturing

Senior Ross Lumsden (right) earned National Player of the Year honors in leading LU to the 2003 NCAA Division II National Championship.



the first NCAA title in the history of their program by virtue of their 2-1 victory over Cal-Chico.

KELLY APPOINTED WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH

Ginny Kelly, former coach at Olympic Heights High School in Boca Raton, is Lynn University's new women's volleyball head coach. Kelly, one of the most highly decorated scholastic coaches in the state and a South Florida coaching legend, replaces Nicole Evans and becomes the sixth head coach in the program's history.

"I am looking forward to a new and exciting challenge with the Lynn University volleyball program," Kelly says. "With the talent already in the program and my determination, we will take Lynn University volleyball to the next level."

The head girl's volleyball coach at Olympic Heights since 1991, Kelly accumulated a 387-40 (.940) record during 13 seasons. After guiding her team to a state title in 1993, Kelly led Olympic Heights to a Florida state record with seven straight titles from 1996 to 2002. In the process, she earned nearly every Coach of the Year award possible and was recognized as the National High School Coach of the Year in 2000. Some 50 of her players have gone on to play collegiate volleyball at the NCAA Division I, II and III levels.

"We are excited to attract someone of Coach Kelly's caliber to our department," Lynn University Athletics Director John McCarthy says. "She has won year after year and has



New women's volleyball coach Virginia Kelly

done so by instilling a tremendous work ethic and sense of confidence and pride in her players. She will give our program instant credibility on the local, state and national levels. Ginny knows how to win and do it the right way. I can't wait for next season."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BUILDS STRONG FOUNDATION

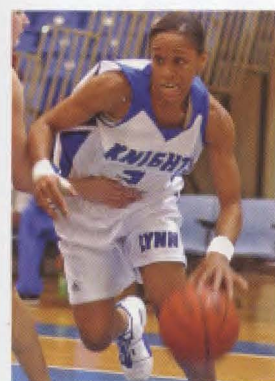
A new chapter in women's basketball at Lynn University began in the 2003-2004 season under the leadership of first-year head coach Pam DeCosta. Bringing in eight new faces to the squad, DeCosta stood behind returning seniors Lisa Gangel and Liz Speliotes to build the core of the team.

"This season wasn't about wins and losses for us," DeCosta says. "It was about laying a foundation to build upon and making sure we worked hard every outing."

The Fighting Knights struggled as they fell in their first six games of the season. Notching their first win at home against Flagler, all players contributed in a balanced

scoring attack. During the holiday season the Knights hosted the Lynn University Classic at the de Hoernle Center.

During the Knights' two consecutive wins in the Classic, sophomore Cherise George showed her ability to score. The Kent State transfer knocked down her season-high 33 points against Saint Leo in the first game and followed



Cherise George led LU in scoring and rebounding, becoming the only sophomore named First Team All-Sunshine State Conference.

up the performance with 26 points the next night against Saint Thomas Aquinas. The forward led the Knights with 15.4 points in the regular season and in scoring in 17 games. George also was the Knights' top rebounder, pulling down 6.5 per outing.

LYNN STUDENT-ATHLETES TOP SSC FALL HONOR ROLL

Forty-two Lynn University men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball student-athletes were part of the Sunshine State Conference Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll, the most of any league school in those three sports combined. The 42 were among 281 student-athletes throughout the conference honored for having a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 or better during the fall 2003 semester.

The national champion Fighting Knight men's soccer team placed 16 of 18 players

on the listing, while women's soccer had 16 honorees. Ten of 14 women's volleyball team members achieved the Honor Roll. Altogether, these 42 Lynn student-athletes outnumbered second-place Rollins by nine and third-place Florida Southern by 13.

In total, 118 Lynn University student-athletes in the 12 university-sponsored intercollegiate sports received GPAs of 3.0 or better during the fall semester of 2003, with 10 students achieving perfect 4.0 GPAs.

THE 42 WHO MADE THE GRADES

Men's Soccer David Benn, Liam Bull, Tom Davies, Mark Dunkerley, Andy Hirst, Leon Jackson, Chris Knox, Ross Lumsden, Mark Melling, Jared Montz, Markus Rudin, Lee Paul Scroggins, Kevin Street, Fernando Villalobos, Carl Wallace and Ron Zavlodaver.

Women's Soccer Tial Clare, Kelly Friedrich, Hilary Greene, Melanie Haraldson, Ashley Jarson, Christin Jarson, Rebecca McCray, Megan McNeill, Megan McSweeney, Adrianne Peterson, Kim Pyra, Angela Rossini, Piper Seaman, Jaclyn Shropshire, Stine Svenningsen and Maegan Vondal.

Women's Volleyball Brittany Bialowas, Jessica Chick, Theresa Daniels, Kelly Dankert, Kailen Gonzalez, Erica Hardy, Kelly MacDonald, Holly McElwee, Natalie Venneri and Shelby Vollmer.

George finished the season in the top 15 of the SSC, leaders in five different statistical categories including points, rebounds, steals, field-goal percentages and free-throw percentages. For her outstanding play, George became the fourth-ever women's basketball player at Lynn to receive first team all-conference honors.

As the Sunshine State Conference season began in January, George received help on the offense from sophomore Jackie Codiga. She was the only other Knight to average double figures in scoring, with 10.3 points per game and led the team with 22 three-pointers for a 28.9 percentage from behind the arch.

Ending their career with the Knights, the senior co-captains Lisa Gangel and Liz Speliotes contributed tremendously to the season. Gangel was the only LU player to be in the starting lineup for

all 27 games and led the team with 87 total assists. The point guard finished fifth in the SSC, averaging 3.3 assists per game. Speliotes was the ninth player in Lynn women's basketball program to play all four years, for 112 games. Speliotes holds the No. 1 spot in free-throw percentage, at .778 for her career.

Finishing the season at 5-22 and 1-13 in the SSC, the Knights are working hard for better results next year. "We plan to condition and work on our agility to get quicker and stronger during the off-season," DeCosta says.

COACH McMILLIN LEADS MEN'S BASKETBALL TO NEW HEIGHTS

Animated, intense and ultra-competitive, coach Scott McMillin made an immediate impact on the men's basketball program in his first season at Lynn University.

The youngest coach in all of NCAA Division II, McMillin implored the Fighting Knights to play aggressive defense and disciplined offense. The results were impressive, as the Knights won 17 games for the first time since 2000-2001 while winning nine games in the Sunshine State Conference—the second most in the history of the program. McMillin's emphasis both offensively and defensively was reflected in the year-end statistics: Lynn was the only team to rank among the SSC's top three in both scoring offense (68.6) and scoring defense (61.5). Additionally, LU was the only conference team to have three players ranked in the Top 10 in scoring.



Members of LU men's soccer team stand proudly with their championship banner during halftime at a recent Lynn men's basketball game.

Several Knights achieved milestones during 2003-2004. Junior guard James Taylor, LU's leading scorer and a second-team All-SSC honoree, became the fifth player in school history to net 1,000 career points. Now with 1,007 for his career, Taylor is close to becoming Lynn's all-time leading scorer, needing just 210 points to surpass Kenny Anders, who played at Lynn from 1997-2001. Junior Justin Wingard, a first-team All-SSC pick for the second year in a row, led LU in rebounding and established a new single season rebounding mark in the process. The 6-foot-8 native of Winter Park, Fla., came away with 244 rebounds, easily surpassing the previous mark of 228 set by Greg Roberson during the 1993-1994 season. As a team, Lynn set a new standard for defense, holding 13 of its 28 opponents to 60 points or less, establishing a school record.



With 1,007 career points, guard James Taylor enters his senior season well on the way to becoming Lynn's all-time leading scorer.

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